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LOS ANGELES (CNS)--NEW WEST MAGAZINE, IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY IN ITS APRIL 24 EDITION, REPORTS THAT CBS "60 MINUTES" REPORTERS HAVE ASSEMBLED A STORY LINKING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ASSASINATION WITH MISSING SKYJACKER D.B. COOPER.

THE ARTICLE SAYS "60 MINUTES" INVESTIGATORS HAVE INTERVIEWED PERSONS WHO KNEW THE SKYJACKER, WHO PARACHUTTED FROM A NORTHWEST ORIENT 727 WITH $200,000 RANSOM ON NOV. 24, 1971, AND SAY HE MAY BE ALIVE TODAY.

THE NATURE OF THE LINK BETWEEN THE SKYJACKING THE KING ASSASINATION IS A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET, HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

THE "60 MINUTES" SEGMENT, IF IT'S AIRED, WILL RUN ON THE FIRST OR SECOND PROGRAM OF THE NEW SEASON, ACCORDING TO NEW WEST.

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